

(d) Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c). If the Assistant Surgeon is away at Kairady does he not return the very same day after duty to Nemmara?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He does.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—How far is Kairady from Nemmara Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is about 6 to 7 miles.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Then if the Sub-Assistant Surgeon leaves for Kairady in the morning could he not return by 11 o'clock or by 12 noon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—If so, could he not attend to the duties in the morning and if there is a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon would it inconvenience the public to such an extent, i. e., if a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon is substituted in the place of the male Sub-Assistant Surgeon?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—But in the morning there will be many patients.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—But would it inconvenience the public if a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon is substituted in the place of the male doctor to such a great extent?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The number of males attending the hospital are more than that of the females.

Burial Ground, Vallanghi in Nemmara.

37. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether there is at present any burial ground for the people of Vallanghi;

(b) where do they cremate the dead bodies at present;

(c) are there burial grounds provided for the benefit of the people at Nemmara and surrounding villages?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) There is no public burial ground maintained by the Government for the people of Vallanghi.

(b) At present the people of Vallanghi cremate their dead bodies on the Gudalur river side at Killiyil Desam and at Pandarakkad in Aliyasseri Desam.

(c) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there not a rule that dead body should not be buried in poramboke land?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is a question of a general rule. Burial grounds are also porambokes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is stated that the people of Vallanghi cremate their dead bodies on the Gudalur river side. But are people allowed to bury the dead bodies on porambokes and on the sides of the rivers?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes; river sides are sacred for the Hindus and some special places are selected for that on the river side.

Payment of Grant to Aided Schools.

38. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(a) Are all the aided schools in the State given grants by the Government;

(b) are such grants given in a lump sum to the Managers or the Headmasters concerned;

(c) whether all the teachers benefit by such grants to the same extent as intended by the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No. A few are not given grant.

(b) Only Sanskrit and Industrial Schools are given lump sum grant. Grant of all kinds is paid to the Managers and Headmaster-Managers of Schools and not to the Headmasters.

(c) Generally yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c). May I know whether the attention of Director of Public Instruction has been drawn to some specific instances where that 'yes' has been in some cases 'no'?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, it is because of the existence of such cases that the answer was given as 'generally yes'. There were certain complaints. They were enquired into and disposed of.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—(a). May I know how the schools that were not given grant came to be called 'aided schools'.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is only a slip.

Ankle ring worn by convicts.

39. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(a) Is there any ankle ring worn by all the convicts;

(b) what is the necessity for it;

(c) what harm is there if prisoners remain without the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) All the convicts do not wear ankle rings. Only prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment are required to wear them.

(b) It is intended to distinguish rigorous imprisonment prisoners from those sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment.

(c) Vide answer to sub-division (b).